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IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace original Claims 3-5, 7-9, 12, and 13 with amended Claims 3-5, 7-9, 12, and 13 which are set forth below. (Appendix A, which is enclosed herewith, shows how original Claims 3-5, 7-9, 12, and 13 were amended to produce amended Claims 3-5, 7-9, 12, and 13.)

3. (Amended) An operating system selector according to claim 1 wherein the OS selector comprises a boot code stored in a legacy master boot record of the data storage drive.
4. (Amended) An operating system selector according to claim 1 wherein the loading step comprises reading a further legacy master boot record of the GPT partition, loading the legacy boot code into memory and passing control to the legacy boot code.

5. (Amended) An operating system selector according to claim 1 wherein the address mapper is operable to hook commands to access the data storage drive, and, wherein the command comprises an address in the second address set, to map the address to the corresponding address of the first address set.

7. (Amended) An operating system selector according to claim 1 wherein the GPT partition type comprises a partition type which is the image of a legacy hard disk drive and wherein the step of defining the GPT partition as data storage drive comprises the step of setting a BIOS drive identification number corresponding to the GPT partition to 80h.

8. (Amended) An operating system selector according to claim 1 wherein the GPT partition comprises a partition type which is the image of a legacy floppy disk and wherein the step of defining the GPT partition as a data storage drive comprises the step of setting a BIOS drive identification number corresponding to the GPT partition to 0h.

9. (Amended) An operating system selector according to claim 7 wherein the address mapper is operable to perform the step of defining the GPT partition as a virtual data storage device.

12. (Amended) A data storage drive according to claim 10 wherein the data storage area comprises at least one legacy partition.

13. (Amended) A data storage drive according to claim 10 comprising a hard disk drive.